

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING
AUTOMATIC SOFTWARE UPDATES**

ABSTRACT

A software updating system enables a user to automatically identify and obtain a device description for use with an application and to update the application with the device description. The system communicates with a device to obtain device description identification information identifying the device description that is required to communicate with the device. Once the device description identification is obtained, the system downloads the device description from a device description database connected to, for example, the Internet. Subsequently, the system updates the application with the device description so that the application may communicate with the device.